

2000, in the divisional application, applicants have filed an Amendment on August 8, 2000. The Amendment submits a new independent claim wherein groups A and B of recited formula (13) are defined in relevant part as:

...independently an optionally substituted phenyl group or an optionally substituted heterocyclic group wherein the substituent(s) for the phenyl group or the heterocyclic group is (are) 1 to 4 substituents selected from the group consisting of ...

It was explained in the Remarks of the Amendment that such language was believed to be more clear with respect to the optionally substituted heterocyclic group and that such understanding was particularly evident in view of original claim 29 which refers to such type of heterocycle, the description at the top of page 8 and Table 2(1) on page 39 which shows an unsubstituted phenyl group and an unsubstituted pyridyl group. Applicants also note the illustrative embodiments set forth in Tables 1-4 starting on page 15 wherein Compound Nos. 1-60 illustrate various compounds wherein A is an unsubstituted phenyl or substituted phenyl and Compound Nos. 61-240 illustrate various compounds wherein A is various unsubstituted heterocyclic groups or substituted heterocyclic groups using substituents which are in many instances the same used for the substituted phenyl.

In light of the amendments to the claim in the divisional application which was submitted after the allowance of the present application and in order to maintain the consistency in claim language between the present and the divisional application, applicants respectfully submit that the submission of the instant Amendment fully meets the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.312(b) and therefore should be entered prior to passing the

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application to issue. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the instant petition be granted and the Amendment entered.

Should the Examiner wish to discuss any aspect of the present application, she is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the number provided below.

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